Projcet Elephant Reserves

4699. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of Project Elephant Reserves which have been set up in Orissa and elsewhere in the country separately:

(b) how many are being proposed to be set up in 2002 and where;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the progress,so far;

(d) what amounts have been sanctioned for this project in Orissa during the last five financial years by the Central and State Government, separately, for each of the reserves; and

(e) how much of these amounts were unspent, separately?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Eight Elephant Reserves have so far been notified by the State Governments in the country which include the Reserves in Orissa. The names and locations of these Elephant of Reserves are as follows:

1.	Smghbhum	-	Jharkhand
2.	Mayurbhanj	-	Orissa
3.	Sambalpur	-	Orissa
4.	Garo Hills	-	Meghalaya
5.	Wayanad	-	Kerala
6.	Nilambar	-	Kerala
7.	Anaimudy	-	Kerala
8.	Periyar	-	Kerala

(b) It is proposed to set up 17 other Elephant Reserves in the country during 2002 as mentioned below:

1.	Mahanadi	-	Orissa
2.	Mayurjharna	-	West Bengal
3.	Eastern Dooars	-	West Bengal

4.	Kamang	-	Arunachal Pradesh
5.	Deomali	-	Arunachal Pradesh
6.	Sonitpur	-	Assam
7.	Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong	-	Assam
8.	Western Assam (Manas)	-	Assam
9.	Dibru	-	Assam
10.	Intanki	-	Nagaland
11.	Mysore	-	Karnataka
12.	Mudumalai	-	Tamil Nadu
13.	Coimbatore	-	Tamil Nadu
14.	Anaimalai	-	Tamil Nadu
15.	Srivilliputhur	-	Tamil Nadu
16.	Kaundinya	-	Andhra Pradesh
17.	Shivalik	-	Uttaranchal

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Central Government provides the 100% assistance to Orissa Government for recurring and non-recurring items of expenditure for conservation of elephants under the Project Elephant. Utilisation of funds by the State Government is given below. Unspent balance of a particular year has been adjusted against the net grant sanctioned for the subsequent year.

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount Unspent (Rs. in lakhs)
1997-98	48.40	1.22
1998-99	Nil	16.91
1999-2000	25.00	21.36
2000-2001	29.75	0.97
2001-2002	102.03	5.663